

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been amended and new claims 9-17 have been added. Claims 1-8 have been broadened through the amendments. Each of the claims should be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferreira (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2001/0034661). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as moot in light of Applicant's Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 submitted with this response. In light of the Declaration, Ferreira does not qualify as prior art.

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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